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SUBJECT: VISIT OF TOGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SUMMARY. TOGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER KODJO VISITED BRAZIL AUGUST 23-25. FINAL COMMUNIQUE INDICATED ESTABLISHMENT OF MIXED COMMISSION TO PROMOTE COMMERCIAL, TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES. LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE BEYOND CONSULTATION OVER NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. END SUMMARY.

2. TOGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER EDEM KODJO VISITED BRASILIA AUGUST 23-25 AND MET WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AND OTHER GOB OFFICIALS. JOINT COMMUNIQUE INDICATES KODJO AND BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AGREED TO THE CREATION OF A MIXED BRAZILIAN-TOGOLESE COMMISSION WHICH WILL SEEK TO PROMOTE COMMERCIAL, TECHNICAL AND CULTURE EXCHANGES.

3. KODJO TOLD PRESS HE AND SILVEIRA HAD "IDENTIFIED COMMON POINTS OF INTEREST" FOR TOGO AND BRAZIL. KODJO WAS NON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMITTAL ABOUT ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSIES BY BOTH SIDES IN TOGO AND BRAZIL, AND INDICATED NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED REGARDING SALE OF TOGOLESE PHOSPHORUS TO BRAZIL.

4. KODJO MET WITH BRAZILIAN AIR MINISTER ENCOURAGING PRESS SPECULATION THAT TOGO, WHICH HAS ALREADY PURCHASED THREE BRAZILIAN XAVANTES, WOULD PURCHASE MORE. THERE WERE, HOWEVER,

NO SUBSEQUENT REPORTS OF AGREEMENT FOR SUCH PURCHASES.

5. IN TOAST OFFERED AFTER A LUNCHEON FOR KODJO, SILVEIRA UNDERLINED THE "PRIMORDIAL IMPORTANCE" OF AFRICA IN BRAZIL'S FOREIGN POLICY AND SAID LDC'S MUST JOIN TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. SILVEIRA URGED MODIFICATION OF "VERTICAL SUBORDINATION" OF LDC'S TO A BASE OF "HORIZONTAL" COOPERATION AMONG ALL COUNTRIES. KODJO PICKED UP THEME IN HIS TOAST, SAYING THAT "HORIZONTAL" COOPERATION COULD BE EXTENDED TO COOPERATION AMONG LDC'S BY EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE ALREADY AVAILABLE TO THEM THROUGH THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES.

6. COMMENT. LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE APPEARS TO HAVE RESULTED FROM KODJO'S VISIT TO BRASILIA. ITAMARATY AFRICAN DIVISION OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOB WILL NOT OPEN AN EMBASSY IN LOME DESPITE TOGOLESE REQUEST. SHORT OF FUNDS, GOB SEES ITS INTERESTS IN TOGO BEST HANDLED BY EMBASSY IN GHANA. TOGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER IS THIRD WEST AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER (OTHERS WERE NIGERIAN AND UPPER VOLTAN) TO VISIT BRAZIL OVER PAST YEAR, AN INDICATION OF GROWTH IN BRAZILIAN-AFRICAN RELATIONS DURING SILVEIRA TENURE AT FOREIGN MINISTER.

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